

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-32 and 38-46 and add new claims 47-52:

1-32. (Cancelled)

33. (Original) An intravascular stent having spiral-flow inducing properties.

34. (Currently amended) A The stent according to claim 33, ~~being~~ wherein the stent is an expansible mesh ~~material-stent~~ member which is inserted by ~~eatherisation~~ catheterization in collapsed form and which becomes expanded on release from the catheter, the ~~stent~~ mesh member having an internal spiral formation after expansion.

35. (Currently amended) A The stent according to claim 34, ~~of which~~ wherein the mesh ~~material~~ member comprises ~~segments~~ wire extending helically around the periphery of the stent, and the internal spiral formation comprises a helical vane members attached to such ~~segments~~ wire.

36. (Currently amended) ~~An~~ The intravascular stent according to claim 33, ~~having~~ wherein the stent has a helical formation thereon to induce spiral flow and ~~being~~ is adjustable.

37. (Currently amended) ~~An-insert~~ The intravascular stent according to claim 36, ~~in which~~ wherein the stent further comprises: ~~a flexible-vane arrangement on~~
a rigid support; and
has a spiral flow inducer vane ~~with~~ mounted to and extending from the rigid support, the
vane having an adjustable helix angle.

38-46. (Cancelled)

Add new claims:

47. (New) An intravascular stent comprising:
an expansible tubular mesh member adapted to be inserted into and retained within a vein;
the mesh member having at least one vane stationarily attached to an interior thereof and extending helically to induce spiral flow of blood.

48. (New) The stent according to claim 47, wherein the mesh member comprises a plurality of wires that extend helically and cross each other to form junctions.

49. (New) The stent according to claim 33, wherein the stent comprises:
a rigid support rod;
a flexible sleeve mounted to the support rod;
a flexible helical vane mounted to the sleeve; and
wherein the sleeve is axially contractible on the support rod to vary an angle of the vane.

50. (New) A method of inducing spiral flow of blood, comprising the steps of:
(a) inserting an intravascular stent into a vein, the stent having a helical flow inducer;
and
(b) causing blood flow through the vein to flow past the inducer while the inducer is stationary, thereby inducing spiral flow of blood.

51. (New) The method according to claim 50, wherein step (a) comprises:
inserting the stent in a catheter while in a collapsed form; and
expanding the stent to lodge within the vein.

52. (New) The method according to claim 50, wherein the stent comprises an expansible tubular member having an interior and the helical flow inducer comprises a vane secured to an interior side wall of the tubular member and extending helically.